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results obtained, in regard to pressure, temperature, humidity, precipitation, cloudiness and wind movement, will obviously be indispensable to those who are making a thorough study of the climatology of Peru. The distribution of the various stations, at different altitudes, including the famous Misti station (19,200 ft.), the highest in the world, and in the different climatic provinces, covers a wide range of meteorological phenomena, and throws light on many interesting points. To comment on these, even briefly, would unduly extend this notice. Dr. Hann has done American meteorology a distinct service in analyzing for us data originally secured through the financial support of an American benefactor, and by the splendid efforts of American scientists in Peru, viz.: Professor William H. Pickering and Professor Solon I. Bailey.

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Across Papua. Being an Account of a Voyage round, and a March across the Territory of Papua with the Royal Commission. By Colonel Kenneth Mackay. xvi and 192 pp., 40 plates from photographs, map and index. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1909. \$2.50.

Col. Mackay was chairman of the Commission sent by the Commonwealth of Australia to inquire into the conditions and methods of government of British New Guinea, now officially known as Papua. The Commission travelled through a large part of the Territory and its facilities for acquiring the best information were, naturally, of the best. The inquiry resulted in a report which is packed with valuable data.

The present book is given to a popular account of the territory as the author saw it. The reader gathers from it the general atmosphere of things, what the author has deduced from a study of details. He gets a general idea of the country, the adaptability of parts of it to produce trade commodities, the relations between the whites and blacks and the attitude of the natives towards the new régime, including labor. For the most part, the book treats, interestingly, of the Commission's wanderings in the New Guinea bush and the narrative is enlivened by many anecdotes and incidents.

The author found the natives, in a number of places, working well for the whites in the development of the rubber, cacao, copra, tobacco and other industries. He believes the missionaries are exerting a most helpful influence. They are proving that the blacks may be trained to produce good results in carpentry, joinery and other forms of skilled labor. Papua, also, is beginning to make war on the *anopheles* mosquito and marked improvement in health conditions is observed in some places. Col. Mackay has faith that Papua and her people will make progress and that the world will have use for their productions.

Fifty Years in Constantinople and Recollections of Robert College. By George Washburn, D.D., LL.D. xxxi and 317 pp., and Illustrations. Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston and New York, 1909. \$3.

This book is much more than a history of the first forty years of Robert College. The events of the last fifty years, which led up to the recent revolution in Turkey, are summed up in the introductory chapter; and we are constantly reminded, while perusing this story of the vicissitudes and the development of Robert College, that it has a background of events and personalities that make it peculiar among all educational institutions. Dr. Washburn was, for many years,